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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request

Office of Sustainable Housing Communities Progress Report Template

AGENCY: Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities (OSHC), HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. HUD is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

The Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011 (Public Law 112-10, approved April 15, 2011) (2011 Appropriations Act), provided a total of \$100,000,000 to HUD for a Sustainable Communities Initiative to improve regional planning efforts that integrate housing and transportation decisions, and increase the capacity to improve land use and zoning. Of that total, \$70,000,000 is available for the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program, and \$30,000,000 is available for the Community Challenge Planning Grant Program.

The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010 (Public Law 111-117, December 16, 2009), (2010 Appropriations Act) provided a total of \$150 million in fiscal year 2010 to HUD for a Sustainable Communities Initiative to improve regional planning efforts that integrate housing and transportation decisions, and increase the capacity to improve land use and zoning.

DATES: Comments Due Date: [Insert date 60 days after date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Reports Liaison Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Washington, DC 20410, Room 9120 or the number for the Federal Information Relay Service (1-800-877-8339).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thaddeus Wincek, Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 402-6617 (this is not a toll free number) for copies of the proposed forms and other available information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

HUD's Sustainable Communities Initiative (SCI) Planning Grant Programs, which comprise of the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program, the Community Challenge Planning Grant Program, and the Capacity Building for Sustainable Communities Grant Program, require progress reporting by grantees on a semi-annual basis (i.e. Twice per year: January 30th and July 30th). The grant program terms and conditions require the grantee to submit a semi-annual progress report which reflects activities undertaken, obstacles encountered and solutions achieved, and accomplishments. Progress reports that show progress of the program in meeting approved work plan goals, objectives are to be submitted.

II. Proposed Information Collection

HUD is submitting the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended).

This Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

This Notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: OSHC Progress Report Template.

OMB Control Number, if applicable: Pending.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: The Appropriations Act, provided a total of \$100,000,000 to HUD for a Sustainable Communities Initiative to improve regional planning efforts that integrate housing and transportation decisions, and increase the capacity to improve land use and zoning. Of that total, \$70,000,000 is available for the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program, and \$30,000,000 is available for the Community Challenge Planning Grant Program.

The Appropriations Act, 2010, provided a total of \$150 million in fiscal year 2010 to HUD for a Sustainable Communities Initiative to improve regional planning efforts that integrate housing and transportation decisions, and increase the capacity to improve land use and zoning.

This information collection is necessary to fulfill the reporting requirements of HUD's Sustainable Communities Initiative (SCI) Planning Grant Programs, which comprise of the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program, the Community Challenge Planning Grant Program, and the Capacity Building for Sustainable Communities Grant Program. All grant programs require progress reporting by grantees on a semi-annual basis (i.e. Twice per year: January 30th and July 30th). The grant program terms and conditions require the grantee to submit a semi-annual progress report which reflects activities undertaken, obstacles encountered and solutions achieved, and accomplishments. Progress reports that show progress of the program in meeting approved work plan goals, objectives are to be submitted.

Agency form numbers, if applicable: Pending.

Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection

including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response: The total number of annual burden hours is 226.5. The number of respondents is 151, the number of responses is 302, the frequency of response is semi-annually (6 months), and the burden hour per response is 0.75 (45 minutes).

Status of the proposed information collection: This is a new information collection request.

AUTHORITY: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C., Chapter 35, as amended.

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